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1. The following are the leading members of the Executive Yuan of the Central Government of China as announced on 31 May 1948:

1. WENG Wen-hao (WONG Wen-hao/翁文灏), Premier and President of the Executive Yuan, Political Science Clique member.
2. KU Meng-yu (顧孟餘), Vice Premier and Vice President of the Executive Yuan; KU Meng-yu, also known as KU Chao-hsiung (顧兆熊), was born in 1888 in Wanpinghsien (116-13, 39-51), Hopei Province. He is a graduate of the Economics Department of Berlin University. In 1922 he was a professor of National Peiping University. In 1926 he became a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang. In 1927 he was the Director of the Publicity Board of the Central Kuomintang. From 1932 to 1935 he was Minister of Railways (later Ministry of Communications); he was removed from this post because of corruption. Since 1931 he has been a member of the Standing Committee of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee. From 1941 to 1943 he was the President of National Central University. KU, a former WANG Ching-wei (汪精衛) man did not join WANG when WANG turned to the Japanese and formed the puppet Nanking Government. That KU is a Northerner, while Premier WENG is a Southerner, was one of the factors in his selection. He was able to achieve the Vice Premiership through his affiliation with the CC Clique although KU is not an official CC Clique member.
3. LI Wei-kuo (李惟果), Secretary General, CC Clique member.
4. LIANG Ying-wen (梁穎文), Deputy Secretary General, was a former councillor of the Executive Yuan; he affiliates with the CC Clique although he is not an official member of the CC Clique.
5. WANG Yun-wu (王雲五), Minister of Finance, former Vice Premier; he is a non-partisan but affiliates with the Political Science Clique.
6. HO Ying-ch'in (何應欽), Minister of National Defense, member of the Central Government Military Clique and leader of his own HO Ying-ch'in Military Sub-Clique.
7. KUAN Chi-yü (關吉玉), Minister of Food, was formerly Political Vice Minister of the Ministry of Food; he is a member of H. H. K'UNG's Clique but affiliates with the Political Science Clique.

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8. CHU Chia-hua (朱家驊), Minister of Education (no change); head of his own Clique.
9. WANG Shih-chieh (王世杰), Minister of Foreign Affairs (no change); member of the Political Science Clique.
10. YU Ta-wei (俞大維), Minister of Communications (no change); he is a non partisan and one of the Generalissimo's "Brain Trusters".
11. CHANG Li-sheng (張厲生), Minister of Interior (no change); formerly he was one of the most liberal members of the CC Clique, but lately he is considered a "rebel" by the CC Clique--the Generalissimo has faith in CHANG Li-sheng. CC Clique member HUNG Lan-yu (洪蘭友) tried to gain CHANG's post but failed.
12. LI Ching-chai (李敬齋), Minister of Land Administration (no change), CC Clique member.
13. KU Cheng-kang (谷正綱), Minister of Social Affairs (no change), CC Clique member.
14. HSUEH Tu-pi (薛篤弼), Minister of Water Conservancy; member of the Northwest Military Clique.
15. CHOU I-ch'un (周詒春 / also known as Y. T. TSUR) Minister of Health (no change); member of the Political Science Clique.
16. TSO Shun-sheng (左舜生), Minister of Agriculture and Forestry (no change); Youth Party member.
17. CH'EN Chi-t'ien (陳啟天), Minister of Industry and Commerce (formerly called the Ministry of Economic Affairs) (no change); Youth Party member.
18. HSIEH Kuan-sheng (謝冠生), Minister of Justice (no change), Kuomintang Elder YU Yu-jen's man.
19. HSU K'an (徐堪), Minister of Budgets, Statistics and Accounts (former Department of Budgets, Statistics and Accounts, an individual organ under the State Council) (no change); He is a member of H. H. K'UNG's Clique and also affiliates T. V. SOONG's Clique and the Political Science Clique.
20. SUN Yueh-ch'i (孫越崎), Chairman of the National Resources Commission; he was formerly Vice Chairman of the same Commission; he affiliates with the SOONG Clique.
21. HSU Shih-ying (許世英), Chairman of the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission (no change); he is a member of the Elders Clique.
22. LIU Wei-chih (劉維楨), Chairman of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission (no change); he is a member of SUN FO's Clique.
23. TUNG Hsien-kuang (Hollington TONG/董顯光), Director of the Government Information Office (no change); he is a member of Madame CHIANG's Clique.
24. Ministers Without Portfolio:
 WEI Chen (雷震) (no change), member of the Political Science Clique but affiliates with the CC Clique.
 YANG Yung-chun (楊永浚) (no change), Youth Party member.
 CHENG Chen-wen (鄭振文) (no change), Youth Party member
 TUNG Hsien-kuang (see/23/above; apparently holds both posts concurrently).

2. Except for the addition of the Ministry of Budgets, Statistics and Accounts under the Executive Yuan and the change of the Ministry of Economic Affairs into the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (which is practically the same thing), there is no structural change in the Executive Yuan. Although not in positions of power, CC Clique members in the Executive Yuan have been slightly increased. As of 4 June 1948 the Youth Party had not formally accepted the positions of their members in the Executive Yuan because the Youth Party's demand for increasing the number of their members in the Legislative Yuan had not yet been fulfilled. The task facing Premier KENG is more than difficult.

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